

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0024619-09-0

Permittee: City of Markesan, P.O. Box 352, Markesan, WI, 53946

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Markesan Wastewater Treatment Facility, 461 West Manchester Street, Markesan, Wisconsin, 53946

Receiving Water And Location: Grand River (Upper Grand River Watershed, Upper Fox River Basin) in Green Lake County

Brief Facility Description: The City of Markesan owns and operates 0.362 MGD wastewater treatment facility that services approximately 1,600 residents from the City of Markesan and the Little Green Lake Sanitary District. The plant was remodeled in 2018, which included addition of tanks for enhanced biological phosphorus removal. Wastewater enters the plant through a bar screen and travels through grit and grease removal. After grit and grease removal, wastewater is directed to three anaerobic/fermentation tanks to enhance biological phosphorus removal before entering the oxidation ditch. The wastewater then passes through two final clarifiers and receives UV disinfection prior to discharge to the Grand River. Biosolids are stored in an above ground storage tank before being land applied to Department-approved agricultural fields via injection. The Department has found the facility to be in substantial compliance with the current permit.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Lisa Creegan, DNR, 2300 N Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Milwaukee, WI, 53212, (414) 263-8701, Lisa.Creegan@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Barti Oumarou, DNR, 625 E County Road Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 424-4013, Barti.Oumarou@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action are invited to do so by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above-named permit drafter's address. Currently, DNR staff are working remotely and have very limited access to US mail. To ensure comments are received, the Department recommends that all comments be sent via email to the permit drafter listed in this notice. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, is accessible via e-mail by contacting the above-named permit drafter's e-mail address or the above named basin engineer's e-mail during normal business hours Monday through Friday (except holidays). Note that DNR staff have limited access to permit hard copy files during this time as they are working from home, but much of the permit file is available electronically by e-mail request. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: Markesan Regional Reporter, 301 June St., Berlin, WI 54923

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